

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES



Monday, May 9, 2022 – Regular Meeting

5:30 P.M.

Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

10. Roll Call

Members present: Jared Davidson, Doyne Mraz, Linda Dixon, Janice Moon, Caroline Carnes

Members absent: Brian Denning, Larry Smith, Adrian Chavez

Staff present: Jesse Nyberg

Guests: Meghan De Angelo, Downtown Medford Association

20. Approval of Minutes

20.1 April 11, 2022 regular meeting – Approved with grammatical changes.

30. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

None.

40. Commission and Special Reports

None.

50. New and Continued Business

50.1 Medford 3rd Friday Art Walk

Mr. Davidson introduced Meghan DeAngelo with the Downtown Medford Association (DMA) to the commission. She spoke about the Third Friday Art Walk and their involvement in these events. Ms. DeAngelo mentioned that the DMA is looking to hire an event coordinator to enhance these events and provide more activities. She also mentioned that they are working with Travel Medford to find additional funding for the art walk and the City of Medford Livability Team to provide safety resources downtown. Ms. DeAngelo recommended that the DMA work with the commission to further promote the Third Friday Artwork and other future art focused projects.

The commission reviewed the biennial budget to determine what funding would be available if they chose to financially support the Third Friday Art Walk. They further discussed hiring an artist to complete an art piece, possibly at the event and making the artwork part of the City's art collection. Mrs. Dixon recommended having the public participate in the creation of an art piece.

50.2 Hawthorne Park Pillar Murals

Mr. Davidson opened the discussion about changes to the request for proposals (RFP) regarding the budget for the project. He mentioned that he spoke with city councilor, Kevin Stine, concerning the timeline for completion of the project. Mr. Davidson stated that through this conversation, the project should be completed by the end of the calendar year and that the pillars that have been prepared, need to be the focus. Mrs. Dixon recommends that the commission contact an equipment rental business to find out what kind of lifts are needed to reach the pillars that are in challenging positions. She said that these details need to be included in the RFP. Mrs. Moon

recommends going to park and taking pictures of the location of the pillars that are next to aqueduct to show the potential difficulties and put them in the RFP.

The commission chose to make this month's study session a special meeting to vote on the Hawthorne Pillars Mural Request for Proposals.

50.3 Storm Drain/Telecom Box Project

Mrs. Dixon shared the research she did on paint costs and other supplies. She recommends that the commission get these details confirmed before the release of the request for proposals (RFP). Mr. Mraz stated that the commission needs to contact the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians in reference to their funding for the project and the progress.

Mr. Davidson said that he will contact Commissioner Denning to go over the discussed revisions to the RFP.

50.4 Arts & Economic Prosperity Study

Mr. Davidson stated that there is a plan to coordinate the study with other Rogue Valley cities to promote the survey. He said he will provide a further update on the project at the next meeting.

50.5 Rotating Art Display/Art frame update

Mr. Mraz provided pictures of the framing that will be used to replace the damaged ones on five City art collection pieces. He stated that the total cost of the reframing will be \$985.50. Mr. Mraz asked for feedback on the chosen frame styles. The commission were all in agreement with the chosen framing. Mr. Mraz would like to have the opportunity to display in the Southern Oregon Historical Society Building.

60. Committee, Sub-Committee and Affiliate Reports

None.

70. Staff Reports

None.

80. Commissioner Remarks

Mr. Davidson would like to research the possibility of the return of the Art in Bloom event and how the commission could be involved.

90. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

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